The Cabinet for Health and Family Services

THE KHIE CONNECTION

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Welcome to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Newsletter!

Quick Stats:

As of May 12, 2015:

⇒ KHIE has 751 signed participation agreements, representing 2,952 locations

⇒ A total of 1,045 provider locations, are submitting live data and exchanging information (see page 4 for more details)

⇒ 90% of acute care hospitals in KY, are live on KHIE

⇒ $190,067,886.05 has been paid to Medicaid providers in KY, through the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

⇒$321,300,350.39 has been paid to Medicare providers in KY through the EHR Incentive Program.

Inside this Issue:

Did You Know?

Kentucky recently passed an electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) regulation that mandates that all hospitals send reportable diseases electronically via KHIE. The regulation goes into effect October 1, 2016. Please click here to learn more about the regulation.

A Message from the State Health IT Coordinator
Polly Mullins-Bentley

Greetings from the Kentucky Health Information Exchange! I want to remind folks again about submitting comments for the notice of proposed rule making (NPRM) for Meaningful Use Stage 3, along with the 2015 Edition Health IT Certification Criteria and the Modifications to Meaningful Use in 2015 through 2017 for Stages 1 and 2.

As I mentioned last month, as the state health IT coordinator, it is my duty to convene key partners, (KY Regional Extension Center, Northeastern Kentucky Regional Health Information Organization, QSource, HealthBridge, and the KY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program) and stakeholders across the state to discuss and collectively comment on these NPRMs. KHIE has hosted two statewide calls that were held exclusively to gather comments about these federal documents, in order to be submitted to the CMS. I encourage all to submit your comments by the May 29, 2015 deadline for the Stage 3 NPRM and June 15, 2015 for the 2015 Modifications NPRM. Click here for the Stage 3 proposed rule and here for the Modifications proposed rule.

I would also like to touch on a recently passed reportable diseases regulation that will go into effect on October 1, 2016. As I stated last month, being situated in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services allows KHIE to not only work closely with Departments, such as Public Health, but allows us to leverage statewide policies and regulations. Namely, the Cabinet recently finalized a regulation that requires all KY hospitals to electronically submit reportable disease information via the Kentucky Health Information Exchange. KHIE is proud to work closely with our sister organizations, such as the Department for Public Health. Ultimately we envision this regulation to improve public health surveillance and enhance care coordination efforts for all Kentuckians.

Thank you for allowing us to be your state designated health information exchange. Without your work, we would not be possible. Thank you again!

Sincerely,

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State Health I.T. Coordinator

Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program

Notice of Proposed Rule Making:

CMS recently released two proposed rules for the EHR Incentive Program. The proposed Stage 3 notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) was released on March 20, 2015 and is open for comments until May 29, 2015. On April 10, 2015, the Modifications to Meaningful Use for 2015-2017 NPRM was released, and is open for comments until June 15, 2015. The proposed rules can be located for review on the CMS EHR Incentive Program website at http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html?redirect=/EHRIncentivePrograms/. All providers are encouraged to submit comments!

Program Year 2015

Due to the release of the NPRMs, the Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is not accepting Program Year 2015 MU attestations at this time. Once the NPRMs are finalized and released, system changes will be implemented. However, providers attesting as Adopt, Implement, or Upgrade (AIU) may submit attestations for Program Year 2015.

Audits

Any provider who receives an EHR incentive payment for either the Medicare or Medicaid EHR Incentive Program may be subject to an audit. Eligible Professionals (EPs), Eligible Hospitals (EHs) and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) should keep ALL supporting documentation (paper and electronic) used to complete their attestations for six years post-attestation. Documentation to support payment calculations (such as cost report data) should continue to follow the current documentation retention processes. It is suggested providers download and/or print a copy of all reports used at the time of attestation. It may be necessary to capture screen shots as documentation for some measures. The provider should be able to provide documentation to support each measure including exclusions claimed. More information regarding auditing is located on the CMS website at http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/EducationalMaterials.html.

Contact Us

The Kentucky Medicaid EHR Incentive Program team may be contacted in the event of questions or issues. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Email us at EHRIncentives@ky.gov, ask questions or describe issues through the Issues/Concerns section within the attestation website or call us at 502-564-0105 extension 2480.

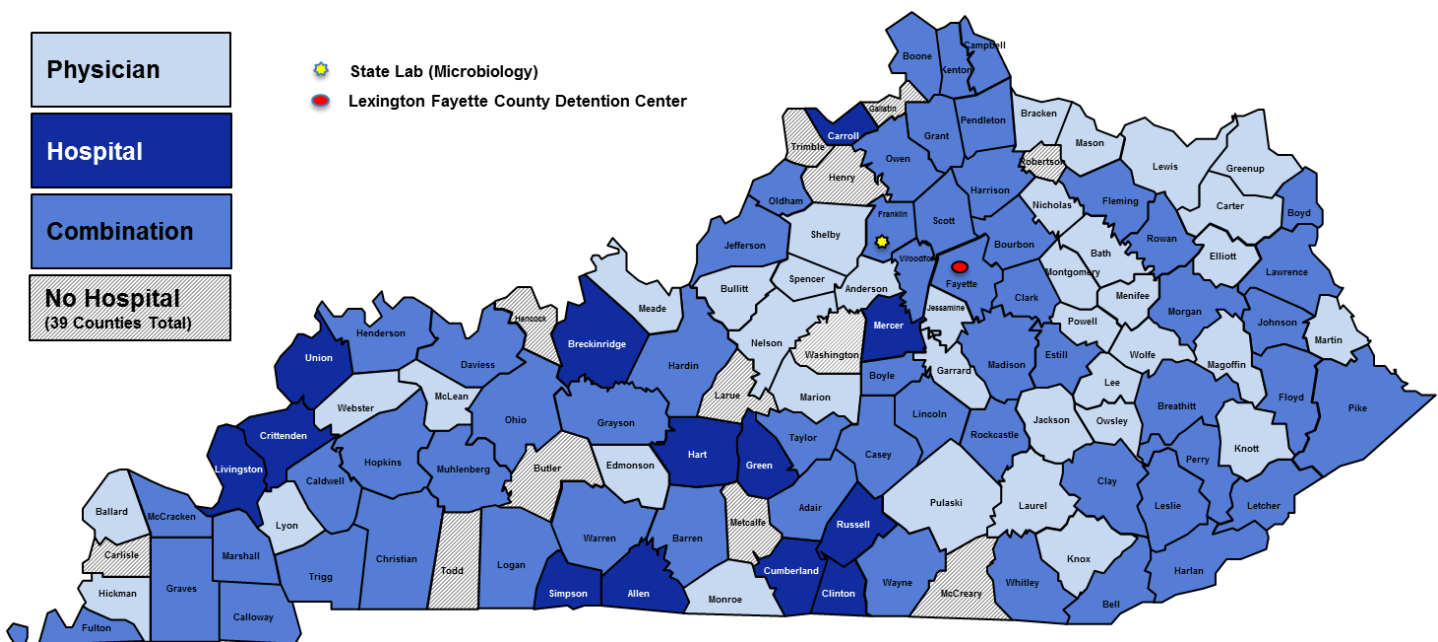**KENTUCKY EHR | INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

Connection Updates

Statewide Health Information Exchange

The KHIE continues to build its robust health information exchange and currently has a total of 1,045 provider locations submitting live data and actively exchanging information. To see KHIE's footprint across the Commonwealth, please see the map below. Click here to view all of KHIE's connections across the state.
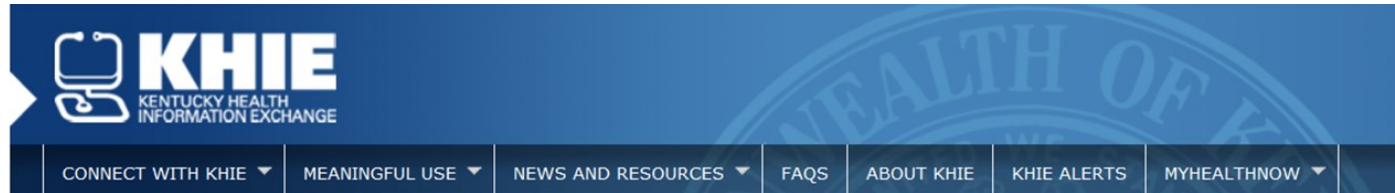
NEW LIVE CONNECTIONS

The following providers have made new or additional live connections with KHIE:

- Deaconess Heath System
- Dr. Butler & Associates, PLLC
- Eickholz, James N, MD, PSC
- Hardin Professional Services, LLC
- Hume, Timothy D. MD, LLC
- Norton Healthcare, Inc
- St. Claire Regional Medical Center
- Total Life Care, PLLC
- Western KY Family Healthcare, Inc

Physician

Hospital

Combination

No Hospital
(39 Counties Total)

State Lab (Microbiology)
Lexington Fayette County Detention Center

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HHS Announces Proposed Rules on Sta...
Monday, March 23, 2015
CMS and ONC release NPRMs on stage 3 requirements and 2015 edition certification criteria

2015 eHealth Summit

Save the date for the 2015 Kentucky eHealth Summit Sept. 30.

Get Started

Make the KIHE connection. KHIE outreach coordinators can help you get started.

Providers submitting live data to KHIE

Select a county from the map to find out who is connected to the KHIE and submitting live data.

Contact Us

Are you a health care provider, hospital or other organization ready to connect to KHIE? Do you have questions, comments or need more information about the program? Fill out this form to contact KHIE.

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